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CROP PRODUCTION – SEPTEMBER 2018

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Based on September 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in Arizona is expected to total 490,000 480-lb bales, according to the September 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is up 2 percent from the August 1 forecast, but down 5 percent from last year's crop.

Upland cotton harvested acreage is forecast at 149,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from last year. As of September 1, producers expect to harvest 465,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, down 4 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 1,498 pounds per acre, up 32 pounds from the August 1 forecast and up 34 pounds from last year. As of September 2, 63 percent of upland cotton bolls had opened, compared with 71 percent last year and the five-year average of 60 percent. Fourteen percent of upland cotton had been defoliated, compared with 14 percent last year and 12 percent for the five-year average. The cotton crop was rated 3 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 38 percent fair, 42 percent good, and 13 percent excellent as of September 2. **Pima cotton** harvested acreage is estimated at 13,500 acres, down 1,500 acres from last year. As of September 1, producers expect to harvest 25,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 30,200 bales last year. Pima yield is forecast at 889 pounds per acre, down 35 pounds from the August 1 forecast and 77 pounds less than last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All cotton production is forecast at 19.7 million 480-pound bales, up 2 percent from August but down 6 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 895 pounds per harvested acre, down 16 pounds from last month and down 10 pounds from last year. Harvested area for all cotton is expected to total 10.6 million acres, down 5 percent from 2017. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 18.9 million 480-pound bales, down 6 percent from 2017. Upland harvested area is expected to total 10.3 million acres, down 5 percent from last year. **Pima cotton** production, forecast at 771,000 bales, is up 10 percent from last year. Pima cotton harvested area, at 245,400 acres, is down 2 percent from 2017.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.